

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1231

By West

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend the pastor and members of Lakewood Baptist Church for 50 years of faithful service to God and community.

WHEREAS, the churches of this State and nation have been, since the foundation of this country, the strong foundation of our just and compassionate society, and the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those communities of faith as they celebrate significant milestones in their life and mission; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood Baptist Church was established in 1954 as a mission of First Baptist Church of Donelson; within seven months of its establishment, Lakewood emerged as a self-supporting congregation and has given witness in the Donelson-Hermitage community for the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the new congregation held its first services in a tent at the corner of MacCampbell and Surrey Road; after that initial meeting, it met at the Donelson Elementary School until it erected its building on the corner of Donelson Pike and Emery Road; and

WHEREAS, the members of Lakewood Baptist Church identified their mission to be reaching an ever-growing community that was quickly changing from a farming community to city life, and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost - a cause still faithfully embraced today; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood Baptist Church has enjoyed the leadership of seven pastors, including Fred Dies, the first pastor; Charles Dinkins; Homer Cate; Tom Suiter; Ken Brown; Carl Price; and the present pastor, Keith Cameron; together with the membership, both living and those who have passed on, they have contributed to the rich history of this dynamic church; and

WHEREAS, the pastor and members live confidently in the hope that they will continue to find favor with God and man as they live truthfully in all things; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we join with the pastor and members of Lakewood Baptist Church as they  
observe 50 years of faithful service to God and humanity, thank them for their contributions to  
their community, and offer them our best wishes for continued joy in service to their Creator and  
their fellow men and women in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.